



SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH AND PARKS

400 WEST KEMP AVENUE | WATERTOWN, SD 57201

Outdoor Report

The week of May 21, 2018

- **HuntSAFE classes are available for registration online.**
- **Visit** <https://gfp.sd.gov/outdoor-learning/hunter-education/ClassList.aspx>

Aberdeen Area

Fishing Report:



James River: Anglers have been catching a few walleye and catfish. The bite has been slow so far. Anglers are having better luck in the evenings fishing.

Elm River: Anglers have been catching a few walleye and northern pike. The bite has been slow so far. Anglers are having better luck in the evenings fishing.

Richmond Lake: Anglers have been catching a few bullheads and walleye. The water is still a little too cold for the bluegill and crappie to start biting.

Elm Lake: Anglers are catching a few walleye and northern pike. The water temperature needs to warm up before the bite improves.

Clark County

Fishing Report:



Dry Lake #1: Not a lot of angler activity due to past weather. Fishing has slowed down.

Dry Lake #2: Anglers have been having better success off shore wader fishing. Boat anglers have had little success. It appears morning and evening is definitely a better bite.

Indian Springs: Fishing has slowed due to weather patterns. A few smaller fish are being caught out of boats.

Reid Lake: No Activity. Private boat ramp is in. **GFP does not have an access agreement at the current boat ramp site. This will now be a private fee access.**

Swan Lake: Anglers were few and far in-between with weather lately. No information.

Mankey's Slough: Fishermen are catching a few walleye from the Hwy 25 pull offs. The walleye range in size from 15 to 18 inches, with a few fish over 20 inches being caught. Bite is better in the evening hours.

Codington County

Fishing Report:



Kampeska: Fishermen are still catching a variety of fish. The walleye being caught are primarily less than 15 inches, with a few nicer fish being caught. White bass are starting to bite, along with a few crappies.

Pelican: Fishermen are still catching a few walleye, with the majority of the fish being less than 15 inches. The best fishing has been in the evenings.

Goose: A few nice walleye are being caught; mornings and evenings continue to be the best times.

Dry Lake: Fishermen are catching walleye from the shore. Most of the walleye are ranging in size, from 12 to 15 inches.

Day County

Fishing Report:



Waubay: Anglers struggled this past weekend with the cooler temperatures and high winds. Anglers who chose to shore fish had better luck catching white bass, while boat anglers did pick up a few walleye.

Bitter: Several boats tried the SE portion of the lake with some success catching walleye. Most anglers were pitching jigs into shallower water.

Hazelden: Minimal pressure but a few anglers did catch some keeper walleye this past weekend.

Hamlin County

Fishing Report:



Poinsett: The fishing pressure continues to remain along the shore in the evenings and mornings. Success rates during those times can be fair.



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Marshall County



Fishing Report:

Clear: A few walleye and pike have been caught off main lake points in the evenings. The bass have really been biting on minnows lately near main lake points.

Roy: Some really nice pike have been caught in the shallow bays near timber. A few walleye have also been caught using a jig and a minnow.

Opitz: Anglers fishing off shore have caught some smaller walleye utilizing a jig and minnow or a crappie rig. The boat anglers had decent luck fishing main lake points pulling bottom bouncers and crawlers.



Park Report:

- The 2017 Park Entrance License is now *expired*. You can get your 2018 Park Entrance License from a number of different GFP licensing vendors, online, the GFP regional office in Watertown, or at any state park entrance booth.
- Be sure to check out the event calendar at <http://gfp.sd.gov/calendar.aspx> to see upcoming events in the area.
- The **Fort Sisseton** Festival is fast approaching! June 1, 2, and 3 are the dates this year. Go online at www.campsd.com or call 1-800-710-2267 to reserve a spot to camp at the Fort that weekend. If you cannot make reservations, and still want to camp, just come on up to the Fort – we'll find a place for you. Activities begin Friday afternoon and continue through Sunday afternoon. The daily entrance fee for the Festival is \$5 per adult. Children 12 and under are free!
- **Pelican Lake Recreation Area:** On Saturday, May 26th we will be holding a "family fun day" program at the picnic shelter. This will include "Outdoor Olympics" and "Minute to Win It" style games. Event starts at 10:00 AM, Park Entrance License is required.
- There are still a number of campsite and cabin openings in June. Make your reservations today for a weekend vacation this summer!
- The 90 Day reservation window for campsites and camping cabins will be open May 25th for an arrival date of August 23rd and earlier.